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Calendar of Events

Public Meetings: Proposed Road to Mobile
Wednesday, May 28; 6 to 8 p.m.
Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.

Thursday, May 29; 3 to 5 p.m.
Global Water Conference Center
22590 N. Powers Pkwy., Maricopa, Arizona
Thursday, May 29; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Mobile Elementary School
42798 S. 99th Ave., Mobile, Arizona

West Valley Arts Council Event:
Missoula Children's Theatre's "The Little Mermaid"
Auditions: Monday, June 9; 10 a.m.
Performances: Saturday, June 14; 3 and 7 p.m.
Millennium High School Auditorium
14802 W. Wigwam Blvd.

Movies in the Park "The Wizard of Oz" rated G
Friday, June 13; 8 p.m.
Goodyear Community Park, 3151 N. Litchfield Rd.

Public Meeting: Sonoran Valley Rural Guidelines
Saturday, June 14; 10 a.m.
Mobile Elementary School, 42798 S. 99th Ave.

Dry Heat Comedy Night
Saturday, June 21; 8 p.m.
Goodyear Community Park, 3151 N. Litchfield Rd.

Star Spangled 4th
Friday, July 4; 6:30 to 10 p.m.
Goodyear Community Park, 3151 N. Litchfield Rd.

Council Corner

Councilmember Georgia Lord



One of my goals as a Councilmember and representative of you, the residents of Goodyear, has been to attract new business and clean industry to our city to bring employment opportunities and improve the lifestyles for our families. So, I feel fortunate to have been appointed by our Mayor to be

Goodyear's representative on the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) Board of Directors. This partnership of public, private and higher education institutions was formed to generate high quality investments and jobs in the Valley. Through our partnership with GPEC, many economic leads have come before our City.

Being on the GPEC board has given me a better understanding of the importance of our city becoming more sustainable through an effective and competitive economic development program. Due to my international experience, I was also appointed to the Arizona Global Network Committee and International Leadership Council working in concert with the Arizona Department of Commerce to attract foreign companies and direct investments to our state and to Goodyear.

Goodyear has made great strides working with landowners and the development community to develop business parks with the infrastructure (ie: roads, water, and sewer systems) to attract new companies. The recent opening of Macy's Logistics and Distribution Center is testimony to that effort. We have created a positive development environment motivating developers to take the risk of building large, 500,000-square-foot spec buildings which make Goodyear more competitive.

With these improvements, Goodyear is better able than ever to attract more diversified companies such as solar, biotech and the next generation technology which translates into higher paying quality jobs that can eliminate the long, congested commutes for our families. We are making great strides in developing our city's infrastructure.

The experts say, "Jobs go to the communities with the best educated work force, the most competitive infrastructure, a creative environment and a supportive government."

Goodyear's future is bright!

Georgia Lord

Public Input Wanted Concerning Road to Mobile

The City of Goodyear plans to build a two-lane road approximately 17 miles long that would provide access from the vicinity of Rainbow Valley and Patterson roads to Goodyear's recently annexed land in the area of Mobile. The proposed road, which could eventually be up to six lanes wide, will go through public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Before Goodyear can obtain the right-of-way for construction from BLM, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared to address the impacts of construction of the road. As part of the EIS process, the public is encouraged to attend any of three open house-style meetings being held by BLM to allow interested parties to learn about and submit comments on the project:

Wednesday, May 28, 6 to 8 p.m.
Goodyear City Hall
190 N. Litchfield Rd., Goodyear, Arizona

Thursday, May 29, 3 to 5 p.m.
Global Water Conference Center
22590 N. Powers Pkwy., Maricopa, Arizona

Thursday, May 29, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Mobile Elementary School
42798 S. 99th Ave., Mobile, Arizona (north of SR 238)

Comment forms will be available at each meeting. Comments will be accepted until June 13, 2008, and should be mailed to the Project Manager – SVPP, Bureau of Land Management, 21605 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85027, or by e-mail to AZSVPP@blm.gov. For information prior to the meetings, call Jim Andersen, at 623-580-5570.

Goodyear City Council



Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 South Litchfield Road unless indicated otherwise.

Brenda Holland, Frank Cavalier, Vice Mayor Rob Antoniak, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Dick Sousa, Georgia Lord and Joanne Osborne

Goodyear City Council Calendar

Monday, June 9
Work Session - 5 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Monday, June 16
Work Session - 5 p.m.

Monday, June 23
Work Session -
following 5 p.m.
CFD meeting.
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Monday, July 7
Work Session - 5 p.m.

Monday, July 14
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Visit goodyearaz.gov for current Goodyear City Council meeting schedules and to watch City Council meetings.

Western Avenue Gets a Makeover

A \$475,000 grant is about to change the face of Western Avenue.

Work will begin in early 2009 on new sidewalks, lighting, accessible curb ramps, landscaping, curbs and gutters on Western Avenue between Litchfield Road and the City of Avondale, thanks to a recently approved \$475,334 Community Development Block Grant.



The Litchfield Corridor Redevelopment Task Force set the vision for this historic area. As the community grew, so did the traffic. Nearly 25,000 drivers pass through this area every day. With more than 480 residents, a police station, two neighborhood parks, a community center and the City pool, these improvements will help make the entire neighborhood a safer, more vibrant place.



Goodyear's New Water Conservation Program Helps Citizens Save Water Every Day of the Year

Since water is such a precious commodity here in the desert, it's important for all of us to save water. While the City has always supported water conservation, it is stepping up its efforts. Goodyear is working hard to trim water usage. A recent leak-detection study and repairs of our water system will save 24 million gallons of water annually. Experimenting with irrigation systems in City parks will help us improve efficiency. A summer audit of our water use will reveal more ways to save.

H2O 365 Program for Citizens

Now the City's Water Resources Department is asking Goodyear residents both north and south of I-10 to follow the City's example and help save water. As a key part of this effort, the City hired its first Water Conservation Specialist who has put together a new year-round water conservation program, called H2O 365. This comprehensive initiative has many elements and offers free classes, educational and research materials, and a new web page with tools to make it easier to use less water.

"Beat the Peak" Campaign

One of the first elements in the H2O 365 program is the "Beat the Peak" summer education campaign. From June to September, demand for water soars. Peak water demand determines how much capacity our water system needs. On the thirstiest day last year in the City's water service area, customers used nearly 10 million gallons of water, compared with just 4.8 million gallons on a typical winter day.

Reducing water use by just tweaking how you use water outdoors will save hundreds of gallons and be relatively painless. Saving gallons in every household will save millions of dollars in future capital improvements if we can build smaller water systems because our peak demand is lower.

Here's How You Can Help "Beat the Peak"...

- Stop by City Hall in June and check out the 16-foot Water Tower in the lobby for ways to save water in your yard. Pick up pamphlets on desert lawn maintenance and setting drip irrigation schedules. Take a survey on water use. Receive a free sprinkler gauge to help you stop over-watering.
- In late June, City of Goodyear water customers will receive a fun, free H2O 365 calendar containing interesting suggestions on how to conserve water. We hope you will use it to remind yourself every day.
- Free classes on irrigation timing and maintenance are being offered to your home owners associations. Check with your association for dates or check Goodyear's website.
- Pick up a free household water use audit kit at Goodyear's Star Spangled 4th of July celebration.

Water Conservation on the Web

Follow the progress of the H2O 365 program on the Water Conservation pages of Goodyear's website: www.goodyearaz.gov/h2o365. The average daily water demand is posted weekly. Last year, the City's highest average week's demand was 9.7 million gallons. This year, with growth and our new ball fields, our goal is to keep that peak demand below 11 million gallons. But, the only way we can do that is with the help of all Goodyear water customers – everyone living south of I-10.

For more information, call 623-932-3010, e-mail savewater@goodyearaz.gov, or visit Water Conservation at www.goodyearaz.gov/h2o365.

Save Water Outdoors

Daily watering, except for tender new transplants, is a waste. By watering your plants on odd or even dates only, Goodyear's residents could cut maximum daily irrigation use in half, trimming the summer peak demand for water.

Bermuda grass only needs watering twice a week, so set the station for grass on your timer for every three or four days.

Cactus and succulents need water only twice a month. Even in the worst heat, desert low-water-use bushes, groundcovers and trees need water once a week. Let desert plants dry out between soakings, and don't water during the monsoon rains.

By watering long and deep, you'll avoid evaporation losses that occur during short cycles. Instead, water during cool, early morning hours and soak plants thoroughly. Avoid watering during hot, bright, daylight hours and breezy evenings.

Conservation is good for your wallet, your community and the environment.

From the Mayor

Citizens, Sponsors Pull Together to Compete for All-America City Award

On June 3rd, thirty-five Goodyear residents will take off for Tampa, Florida with high hopes of winning the 2008 All-America City award. Much of the thanks for their trip goes to 24 sponsors in our community who contributed \$40,000 to help pay a large portion of the expenses of the delegation.

We need about \$60,000 and the City has committed to make up the difference. We are incredibly fortunate to live in a city with so much community spirit. The names of our sponsors are listed at the right and also on a board in the City Hall lobby.

Mayor James Cavanaugh



We wouldn't have the opportunity to win this prestigious award – the Nobel prize of cities – if it weren't for a group of citizens who believe in this city so much they decided to enter Goodyear in this national competition. It was Laurie Hillebrands' idea. Enlisting her creative friend Jennifer Barber, they were off and running. The team, consisting of Laurie, Jennifer, Charles Marshall and Anne Hansen, spent hundreds of hours

writing the 19-page document. We are very grateful to these dedicated citizens who took on such an impressive task.

Little did they know that once their excellent award application earned us one of 17 finalists spots, their work would just begin. At a public brainstorming meeting we held with residents, Kim Jones came up with our theme, "Goodyear is..." and she and Jennifer Barber and Brenda Bernardi prepared a 10-minute presentation script based on the theme.

A core team made up of these citizens and a few other residents who work for the city have been meeting weekly to work on the script, practice the presentation and prepare for ten minutes of additional questions. The team is now on version 15 of that script and has come up with an ingenious way of visually telling our great story since no electronics such as video or Powerpoint are allowed – very uncommon in this modern age.

Meeting weekly for the past two months and giving up Saturdays in May to practice is nothing to this group of people who are incredibly proud and excited to represent "their city" at the National Civic League Conference in Tampa. While we intend to win, win or lose, we can't thank these citizens enough for all the hard work they have done to bring recognition to Goodyear.

Thanks to Our Monetary Contributors

If you see any of our benefactors, please thank them for their generosity and community spirit. Our delegation wouldn't be making the trip without their support.

- Nariman Afkhami, AREAD
- Cancer Treatment Centers of America
- Jack Rose, Civigroup Companies
- Mark Dioguardi, Dioguardi Flynn
- Franklin Pierce University
- Goodyear Police Officers Association
- Macy's
- McLane Sunwest
- Montage
- Newland Communities
- Policy Development Group
- Poore Brothers
- Primrose School
- Southwest Airlines
- Southwest Specialty Foods
- Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce
- SunMP
- University of the Incarnate Word
- Wal-Mart
- Waste Management
- Westcor
- West Valley National Bank

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All-America City Finalist

James

Citizen Input Needed on Defining Rural Guidelines in Mobile Area

Thinking of building a home in Sonoran Valley? Are you an existing resident who wants to know more about City regulations? The City is seeking input on proposed residential development policies for the City's rural areas in the Sonoran Valley.

Citizens are invited to attend a meeting at the **Mobile Elementary School, 42798 S. 99th Ave., on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 10 a.m.** Topics to be covered include roadway improvements, water and sewer connection, animal rights, and solid waste collection. Refreshments will be served.

Any questions regarding this meeting should be directed to City Planner Katie Wilken at 623-882-7948.



Long-Awaited Library Services Come to Goodyear

Thanks to Agreement with Maricopa County Library District

Library Central at City Hall

Goodyear has joined together with the Maricopa County Library District to bring library services and programs to residents of our city – NOW! While we are planning to build a library in our City Center in 2010 or 2011, we couldn't wait that long to bring library services to our residents. So, until a library is built, City Hall will serve as "Library Central" where you can connect with your library reading needs right here in our city. 📖

Let's All Go to the Lobby...

Check out the large screen video monitor on the back wall of City Hall's lobby. The monitor will feature a constant slide show of upcoming Maricopa County Library District activities and programs. Slides featuring City events such as the Star Spangled 4th and information slides on city services can also be seen on the monitor. The audio visual equipment was purchased for the City by the Maricopa County Library District.



Be sure to keep an eye out for the colorful library kiosk to be installed in June in the lobby of City Hall. This kiosk will be the first of its kind installed by the County's library district. It will feature the library's entire catalog. Search for articles, reserve books and browse the library's entire website. The kiosk will be available 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. 📖

New Librarian Brings "Story Times" to City Hall

A Librarian for Goodyear

Welcome Alicia Snarr, our new librarian. The Maricopa County Library District hired Ms. Snarr to bring reading programs and activities to Goodyear. She will partner with Goodyear, schools and community organizations to head up youth services and outreach programs.



Alicia Snarr

As part of her community outreach, she will be holding "story times" in Goodyear City Hall. In keeping with the character of the Summer Reading Program, each session will have a different "buggy" theme.

Tales for Toddlers – Ages 2-3

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 7, 14, 21 (Mondays) 9:30 a.m. Bring the tiny tots for stories, songs, finger plays and games. Have fun and build early literacy skills. Parents and caregivers receive early literacy information.

Adventures with Books Story Time – Ages 4-8

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 7, 14, 21 (Mondays) 10 a.m. Start the week out right with stories, songs, fingerplays, games and fun with books. Each day has a different "buggy" theme. 📖



Goodyear Library Summer Reading Program

As of May 27, you no longer have to go to Litchfield Park or Avondale libraries for your children to participate in Maricopa County Library District's Summer Reading Program because the program has come to Goodyear! As part of Goodyear's initial library services (before our library building is built), you can come to City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. to pick up the reading log, game boards and prizes for the Summer Reading Program. The program runs until July 27. A library card is not required.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Open House Fun for All Ages

10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, May 31

Goodyear Fire Station 3, Goodyear Community Park
3075 N. Litchfield Rd., just north of Thomas Road

Stop by the truck bays at the north side of Fire Station 3 and help us kick off our new Summer Reading Programs. You can pick up everything you need to get started on the exciting reading program! There will be goody bags and plenty of fun. You can even meet the new librarian who will be on hand to tell you all about the new library services, programs and activities. The Phoenix Zoo will bring some "non-living bio-facts." Come see what they are!

Summer Reading Programs Available for Different Age Groups

Just for Teens

- Ages 12-18

Metamorphosis: Teen Summer Reading Program and Celebration

Transform yourself by reading. Win prizes for reading up to three books. Teens who complete the summer reading program, "Metamorphosis," can bring their stamped, completed game board to Chipotle's for a free celebration reward dinner 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, July 31. Location to be announced.

Especially for Children

- Ages Birth-3

Bunny Catches the Reading Bug Summer Reading Program

Baby earns prizes when loved ones read aloud.

- Ages 4-12

Catch the Reading Bug Summer Reading Program

The more you read the more prizes you earn.

Summer Reading Program Meets 4th of July

Star Spangled 4th Arts and Crafts Booth

Ages 2-12

6:30 to 8 p.m., Friday, July 4

Celebrate Summer Reading with "buggy" arts and crafts. Visit the "Catch the Reading Bug" booth in the Kids' Zone at Goodyear Community Park. 📖

All Aboard the Bookmobile!

As an extension to the city's library services, Goodyear will lease the County's bookmobile later this summer. The bookmobile is currently being used by another Valley community.

Library materials will be available for pick up and drop off at the bookmobile. It will be located at one place within the city; it will not move from location to location. Where it will be located and hours of operation are yet to be determined. 📖

Web Access to the Library

Enjoy easy access to library activities in Goodyear and the entire Maricopa County Library Catalog from Goodyear's website: www.goodyearaz.gov/library 📖





City Volunteers Honored at Appreciation Dinner and Celebration

Goodyear said "Thank You" to more than 100 volunteers who were honored during the inaugural Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on May 1 at Desert Edge High School.

Volunteers from the *Goodyear Gives Back* program enjoyed a special dinner catered and served by students from T-Town Bistro, Tolleson Union High School District's Culinary Arts Academy, led by their teacher and program chair, Joe Kalfus. A highlight of the evening was a slide show featuring the remarkable people who share so generously of their time and talents. An assortment of prizes were raffled off, including Spring Training tickets for the Cleveland Indians. Speakers included Community Activist Norma Chastain, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, City Manager John Fischbach, and Deputy City Managers Jim Nichols and Brian Dalke.

With more than 300 volunteers devoting 5,000+ hours to Goodyear's Volunteer Program since July 1, 2007, the city has realized a savings of at least \$100,000. These savings are based on the Points of Light standard valuation of \$19.51 per hour for volunteer time.

Several volunteers work alongside City staff in nine different City departments during a myriad of duties. Many volunteers also help out at Goodyear's signature events like the Star Spangled 4th, Howling Halloween Bash and Holly Jolly Festival. They participate in special projects such as Make-a-Difference Day, the Public Safety Expo, and Citizens Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. Volunteers also give their time to work on the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Brownfields Citizen Advisory Committee, and the Public Arts and Culture Commission.

The City of Goodyear gratefully acknowledges the enormous contribution made by these exceptional volunteers. 🏠



Mayor Cavanaugh thanks the Goodyear volunteers.



Students from T-Town Bistro, Tolleson Union High School District's Culinary Arts Academy



Goodyear volunteers (from left to right): PJ Miller, Janet Grundy, Jean Reynolds, Connie Long, Wally Campbell, Joe Long, Kimi Best and Cliff Van Ellis



The City of Goodyear thanks the many devoted volunteers who give back to their community.

Join the 2008 G.A.I.N. Committee and Help Make It Better Than Ever

Help Goodyear get a head start planning the City's Fifth Annual G.A.I.N. Event, slated for Saturday, October 18. Call now and join our planning committee. City staff help facilitate the event, but the real planning and creative work is done by Goodyear residents.



G.A.I.N., Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods, is a statewide program promoting public safety awareness.

Last year, more than a dozen Goodyear neighborhoods were represented at G.A.I.N., which was held at the Goodyear Community Park for the first time, rather than in each individual neighborhood. This year's event will be at the park again, and the City will establish villages to make it easier for residents to find and meet their neighbors at the event.



Goodyear is a community of neighborhoods. Make sure your neighborhood is represented! This is your opportunity to help your community by volunteering for the 2008 G.A.I.N. Event.

For more information or to volunteer for the 2008 G.A.I.N. Committee, call Goodyear Neighborhood Services at 623-882-7812.

To have your neighborhood participate in a G.A.I.N. event, go to www.goodyearaz.gov, click on "Forms and Applications," and complete the Neighborhood Registration Form and the G.A.I.N. Registration Form. Mail or deliver forms to Neighborhood Services, City of Goodyear, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., P.O. Box 5100, Goodyear, AZ 85338 or FAX to 623-882-7811. 🏠



Goodyear Teen Police Academy Application Deadline: May 30

The Goodyear Police Department is accepting applications for its summer Teen Police Academy Training. Deadline for applications is May 30.



Teenagers who meet the program's qualifications will get an insider's look at the police academy. Training is provided by School Resource Officers with the Goodyear Police Department and includes working mock crime scenes and firearm training.

The two-week program begins July 7 and ends on July 18. Classes meet at Estrella Mountain Community College from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. most days, Monday through Friday. The course is free, and open to teenagers between the ages of 14 and 18. Most classes will be taught at Estrella Mountain Community College in Avondale.

Class size is limited to 30. Applicants are not required to be residents of Goodyear, although the course is designed for young people who live in the West Valley who might be interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement.

The Goodyear Police Department began offering this Teen Police Academy in 2007, which was a big hit with the 22 high school students that graduated the program last year. Prior to that, a similar program was offered locally by the Goodyear and Avondale police departments working together.

To apply, contact Officer Chad Waltz, Goodyear Police Department at cwaltz@goodyearaz.gov or by phone at 623-932-1220. 🏠

The Little Mermaid Auditions Missoula Children's Theatre

Missoula Children's Theatre auditions are open for "The Little Mermaid," 10 a.m., Monday, June 9 at Millennium High School Auditorium, 14802 W. Wigwam Blvd., in Goodyear.

Youth, ages 5-18, are invited to audition for a variety of cast roles and back-stage positions in this modern musical production of a classic fairytale. No theatre experience necessary. Auditions are free. There is a \$65 fee payable on the day of auditions for each child selected as a cast and/or crew member.

Performances are open to the public, and will take place at 3 and 7 p.m., Saturday, June 14 at Millennium High School Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$10 adult, \$8 student, \$5 ages 10 and younger.

Goodyear is proud to be a sponsor of this musical which is part of the West Valley Arts Council's Performing Arts Series. For more information, contact the West Valley Arts Council at 623-935-6384 or westvalleyarts.org. 🏠



Baseball Complex Construction Update

Ballpark

At the Ballpark, the cast-in-place concrete walls at the batter's eye were poured and the walls are being waterproofed. The concrete slabs and waterproofing were installed at both dugouts. Footings were poured. The left field wall was waterproofed and backfilled. The bullpen players' bathroom masonry and concrete walls are complete. Masonry walls and underground plumbing are being installed at the service clubhouse level. Cast-in-place concrete walls were completed at the right field building and home plate stair tower. Concrete slabs at the first base bathrooms, commissary kitchen, and concession stand are being installed. Underground plumbing and electrical is 80 percent complete for the concourse buildings and the lift station is being backfilled.



Recreational Sports Complex

At the Clubhouse, steel stairs are being installed and steel erection is complete. Work on the interior masonry walls and drywall installation is progressing. Wood trusses have been installed in the weight room ceiling, and four plunge pools in the hydrotherapy room are finished. Wall insulation is under way, and window frames are in on the south and west sides of the building. The first floor's roof structure is done.



Work on the fields is progressing. On Major League Playing Fields #1 and #2, Minor League Practice Fields #3 and #6, Agility Field #7 and Half Practice Fields #8 and #9, the sand was fine-graded to prepare for sprigging (similar to seeding) which began in mid-May. On Minor League Practice Fields #4 and #5, the sand base installation is nearly complete.

Masonry installation and steel erection for the Observation Tower are complete. The Batting Tunnel's concrete slab was poured and the metal building shell was erected. The metal Maintenance Building has been erected and installation of masonry walls is complete.

The site's perimeter masonry walls at the maintenance building were installed. Concrete curbs were poured at the parking lots. Sidewalks were installed at the observation tower and major league practice fields. The lake liner was installed and water began filling the lake in May. Bullard Wash grading is done.



Sign Up for 2009 Season Tickets Now

The Indians are currently accepting deposits for 2009 Spring Training season tickets. In order to be eligible for priority seating and to secure your name on the waitlist, a \$50/seat non-refundable deposit is required (minimum of two seats, maximum of eight). Priority on the waitlist is determined by the date the application and payment are received. So, don't wait.

Go to the Goodyear website homepage story on Spring Training and click on "Order season tickets." Also visit Goodyear's "Spring Training" page to see the "Countdown to Spring Training" clock. Goodyear's website: www.goodyearaz.gov.

New Rules for Leaf Blowers and Unpaved Parking



Improve Air Quality, Reduce Health Risks, Meet Federal Standards

Goodyear adopted a new Dust Control Ordinance to comply with the Maricopa Association of Governments' plan to reduce harmful particulate emissions by five percent per year until our region meets federal air quality standards.

Leaf Blowers:

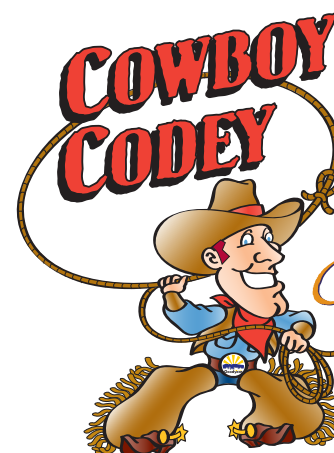
Use only on stabilized surfaces, such as asphalt, concrete and landscaped areas with decomposed granite. Do not blow grass clippings, leaves or other debris onto public roads.

Parking on Dirt Lots or Unpaved Roads:

Property owners may not allow vehicles to park or drive on vacant dirt lots or unpaved roads, and may install fencing and driveway barricades to keep vehicles off unpaved areas. Owners may also post "no trespassing" signs to prevent unauthorized use of the unpaved areas of their property.

Penalty:

Violations are a Class 3 misdemeanor, carrying fines of up to \$500, one-year probation, and imprisonment of up to 30 days.



Cowboy Codey Sez:

Let's Protect Our Streets

Did you know that it is unlawful to willfully or negligently permit or cause the escape or flow of water in such a quantity as to cause flooding, or to impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic or cause damage to the public streets of the city? Backwashing your pool or letting your sprinklers run excessively into the streets causes damage to our public rights-of-way. Let's help keep our taxes down by not allowing water to run into the streets.

Holiday Schedule

Independence Day Friday, July 4 City Offices Closed

Following the holiday, pickup that would normally take place on Friday for garbage, recycling and bulk trash will switch to Saturday, July 5.

TownePlace Suites by Marriott - Correction

TownePlace Suites by Marriott is in the planning stages. The name of this new hotel, which will be built near Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA), was stated incorrectly in last month's INFOCUS.

Jobs with the City of Goodyear

Visit the City of Goodyear website at www.goodyearaz.gov or call the City's 24-hour hotline, 623-932-1716, for listings. The Human Resources Office is located at City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Phone: 623-882-7765 or 623-882-7762. TTY: 623-932-6500. EEO/M/F/V/H/D. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions.

Artist to Present Concept of Ballpark Sculpture

Internationally-known public artist Donald Lipski will present his concept for the sculpture on the plaza outside the Goodyear Ballpark at a public meeting on June 17. The sculpture is being funded by the Wood family.

Goodyear residents are invited to this meeting at City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. in Room 117 to see the 6:30 p.m. presentation and to ask the artist questions. Attendees will be asked to fill out comment cards before leaving.

For more information, contact Dianne Cripe, 623-882-7809.

McDowell Road Commercial Corridor Project Update

The McDowell Road Commercial Corridor Project near the future Estrella Falls Mall is under construction, and the work should be finished by February 2009. Improvements include widening McDowell Road, PebbleCreek Parkway, Bullard Avenue and Encanto Boulevard, and extending Monte Vista Drive and 150th Avenue. Other work includes Bullard Wash improvements and park amenities, and building bridges at McDowell Road and Monte Vista Drive crossing Bullard Wash.



The first of two layers of pavement on Bullard Avenue, between Encanto Drive and McDowell Road, is complete, and the contractor is working on median and sidewalk improvements. Paving of the eastbound lanes (south half) of McDowell Road will be finished in late May. Next, work will begin on the westbound lanes (north half) of McDowell Road. Construction of the McDowell Road and Monte Vista Drive bridges is progressing and some of the architectural features on the columns and walls are already visible.



The McDowell Road Commercial Corridor Project is funded through an Improvement District, a mechanism used by the City for selling bonds to cover costs of the project. Property owners in the district are assessed for the improvements; the City is not. The process helps expedite the work, and allows for a coordinated effort between the City, property owners, and developers.

